

Board action

Ortell sworn in; center approved

by Pete Maddox

Mike Ortell, a math professor at Orange Coast College, was sworn in as a member of the RSCCD Board of Trustees at Monday night's board meeting. Rudolfo Montejano, John Dowden and Hector Godinez were also sworn in along with Ortell. The three incumbents were re-elected to their seats in an election which brought the first new member to the board in eight years.

Judge Lester Van Tatenhove, Superior Court judge of Santa Ana, read the Oath of Office to the group just prior to the unusually long meeting. Van Tatenhove serves as president of the Santa Ana College Foundation, which awards scholarships to SAC students.

The annual reorganization of the board then took place. Ed Taylor was nominated as president but declined, stating, "Due to health reasons, I must decline. I do not feel that I should accept the responsibility of being president."

Dowden was then appointed as president. Taylor was made vice-president and Carol Enos was appointed clerk. SAC President Bill Wenrich was named secretary for the board and Ortell was designated as the RSCCD Representative to the Nominating Committee.

The board then turned to the matter of the new campus center. The long-awaited student center was budgeted at \$3.2 million, but the lowest bid for the project came in at \$4.5 million.

Wenrich told the board that the price bidding was "out of sight." He then stated that the Faculty Senate felt the construction should begin. At that time, Dr. Lee Dryden, president of the Academic Senate, stated, "The Academic Senate not only agreed, but actively supported the construction of the campus center."

The SAC President went on to claim that he had thought it would be a good idea if the ASSAC Government conducted an informal survey of the students on campus for their opinion. Susan Starke, ASSAC president, said that an "oral survey had been conducted and the majority of the students were in favor of the building."

Ortell asked the board why there was such a discrepancy in the bid (nearly 50 percent). The architect for the project, Al Alves, then restated his reasons for the high bid. He blamed inflation and other economic trends for the outrageous increase in spending necessary for SAC to have a new center.

Montejano commented, "There is no magic -- no secret to it. We simply failed to keep our eyes on current economic factors." Montejano then stated that the board was ultimately responsible for the oversight.

Ortell asked if it was true that "30 days ago the board had been assured that the bid would come in at \$3.2 million." Alves answered affirmatively and the issue was put to vote.

Building of the campus center was approved unanimously by the four remaining members. Godinez, Taylor and Ed White had left the meeting by this time.

Attention was then turned toward a criticism of school boards by California Assemblyman John Vasconcellos. Enos moved that the board issue a letter of rebuttal to Vasconcellos in answer to his charges that the school boards are out of touch with the needs of students. The vote was three for the motion with Ortell abstaining.

SAC allows teachers to reduce work by half with full benefits

by Smith Pineo

SAC has adopted a way to ease some of its veteran faculty and staff out to pasture allowing for a potential surge of new blood in its personnel.

The trustees passed a revision in board policy that would enable an instructor to cut his work in half and still receive full credit in retirement pay.

The measure was brought to the board by Bill Wenrich, SAC president. He said that a similar plan was approved by districts throughout the state.

Wenrich, who served as president of Canada College near San Francisco, said a like program was initiated there, too.

Now, with board approval, certificated employees may reduce their workload under this plan for a period of five years. By state law, employees are eligible only from the time they turn 55 and up.

But will this new program for partial retirement be popular with teachers here? Some SAC instructors (not all necessarily eligible) expressed their views.

English teacher Loyd Carr related, "I couldn't even think about it with the rate of inflation." He expressed that the policy "won't do any good for me."

Carr continued, "I certainly couldn't live on half pay; this is my only source of income." What if circumstances were better? "If I had a good amount of money saved up, I might consider it," he said. "The way inflation keeps going, though, I'm afraid to stop."

Music instructor Carolyn Verleur says she might utilize the program, but it won't be for a long time.

"I intend to teach until I'm 95 years old," she proclaimed. She feels that for the last five of those years she might like to go on half time. In that case, she said, "the new plan for workload reduction would be very nice, provided that the retirement benefits are the same."

"If some of us older fellows get out of the way, maybe they won't have to lay off anybody."

Jim Vail, who also teaches music here, has already started a new mid-life career as a real estate agent. One would think that his situation might lend itself to the partial retirement plan.

But Vail related, "At this point I probably would not do that." He did, however, express that the policy is "a great idea." He said if his real estate business picks up, he might think about taking up the new district plan.

What happens if at the end of a five-year period of partial retire-

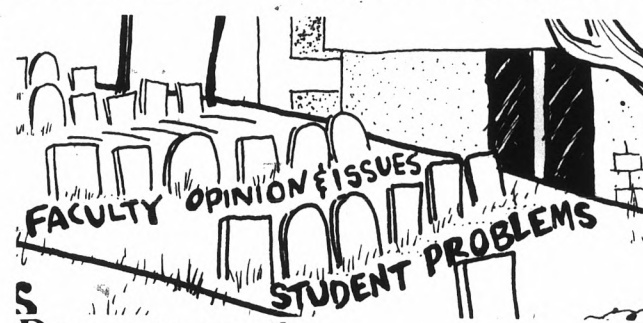


CONGRATULATIONS -- Santa Ana Superior Court Judge Lester Van Tatenhove, right, extends a hand to Mike Ortell, Van Tatenhove performed the swearing-in ceremony before the start of Monday

night's Board Meeting. Three incumbents were re-elected to their posts and sworn in along with Ortell, who teaches math at Orange Coast College.

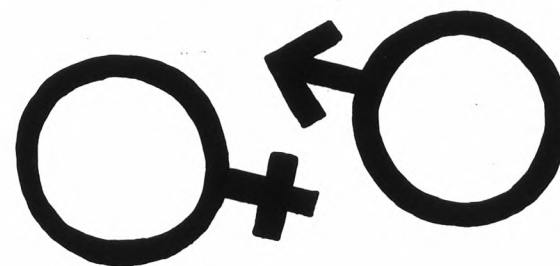
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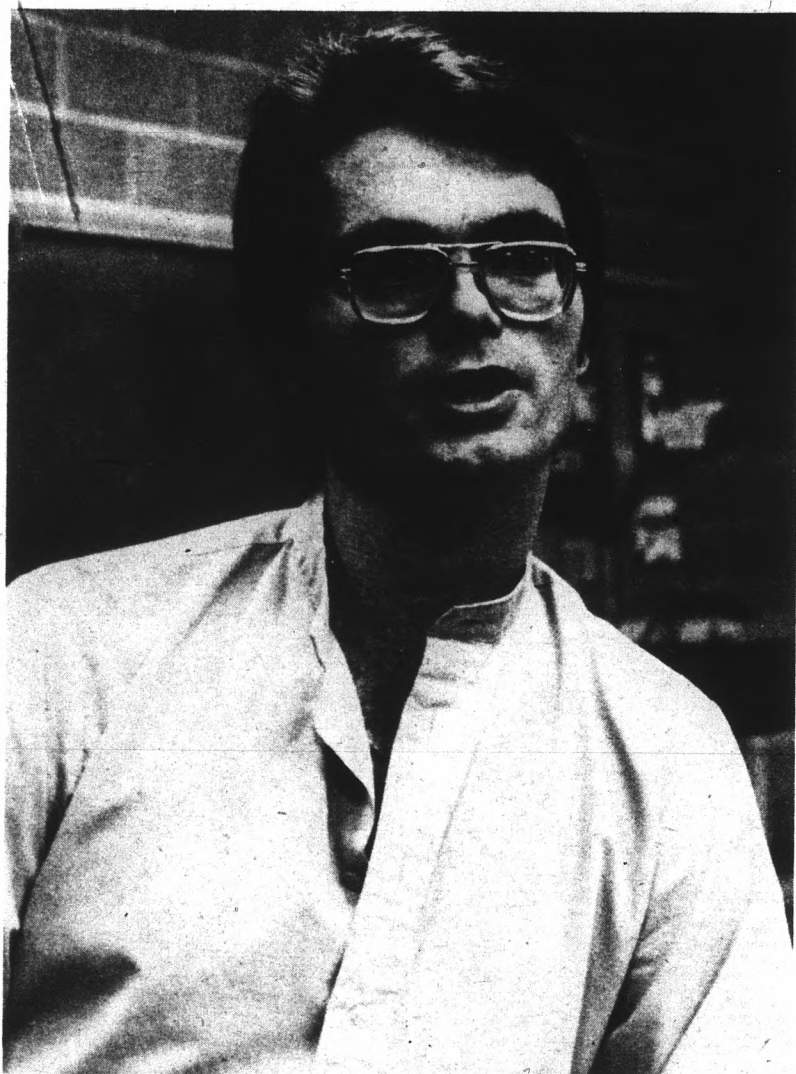
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George Smith pushes the Libertarian view.

(photo by Richard Mona)

Private schools promoted Smith speaks out on voluntary education vs. state education

by Pam Hilburn

Does state education educate? This was the subject matter of libertarian George Smith's lecture at SAC last Friday night. Smith is best known for authoring the book *Atheism: the Case Against God*.

Smith feels that the public schools have been very successful in achieving their goals--socializing young people and insulating the educational bureaucracy from the economic marketplace.

"The public schools have been successful in creating a citizenry loyal to the government," said Smith, a research fellow at the Institute for Humane Studies. Smith has authored several other books praising the alternative, voluntary schooling.

Smith feels that with the 19 Century development of public education, illiteracy was not the issue employed by the government founders. "Literacy was high then because of private schools and institutions," Smith explained. "The cry for public education developed around socializing children into loyal citizens."

The major goals of state education, as Smith sees them, are (1) to take the teachers out of the parents' control and (2) to instill common values (as seen by the state) into the children. "The push for state schools came from the many racial differences in the U.S. at the time," said Smith. "Christianize Catholics" was a common saying at the time.

Smith compared the liberal and conservative ways of thinking with his belief in the Libertarian way. He states that the liberal knows that the schools are in trouble, but they blame the parents and say that

there's not enough money in the school system. The conservative also knows that schools are in terrible shape, but their reasoning is that we aren't getting what we paid for, we're not getting a dollar for a dollar.

"The Libertarian way of thinking is that the schools should be put on the open market just like any other consumer product," Smith explained.

There is also an answer, according to Smith, to the question of what about the children who wouldn't get an education if there wasn't state education. "The primary victims of the state's social manipulation is the lower economic classes because the quality of their education isn't at the highest," Smith said. "A lot of people consider the school system as baby-sitters, but isn't it worse to have an incompetent government taking care of the children than incompetent parents?"

Smith stated many of his sources for his beliefs from his research for a new book he's writing on state vs. private education. One of them was a 1902 court case in New York.

The trial was about a man who wanted his children to be taught at home rather than in a public school. The verdict was that going to school was not so much a right as a duty to America.

Smith concluded his lecture saying that "the schools are models of efficiency at what they set out to do, but what they set out to do isn't what the American people need."

Smith who spoke to about 15 people, was very strong on his disapproval of the state system, but the only thing he didn't offer was any real solution to the problem.

Attrition rate 40 percent

Why so many dropouts? Teachers, students respond

If the death penalty were imposed on students who dropped classes, perhaps they would be more inclined to complete courses they signed up for.

If this were the case, the student population at SAC would be reduced by about 40 percent. A change in the withdrawal policy, which may be enacted, might provide a mechanism to punish students who drop excessively. Charging a tuition that would be refundable upon completion of courses might encourage students to finish classes.

These alternatives, however, could mean simply that fewer people would sign up for school. Whatever the reasons, SAC's administration is focusing this year on methods to reduce the withdrawal syndrome.

Students and teachers reflected on the causes for SAC's attrition rate.

Speech instructor Ken Turknette commented, "Over the last five years there are fewer and fewer people who can write--who have a college understanding of writing." He said this is evidenced by the creation and expansion of the college's remedial reading classes and labs. He expressed, "Not enough students have a commitment toward studying. Their goals are short-sighted."

Photography major Jim Clark said he signs up for 17 units each

semester and ends up with six. He explained, "The courses aren't as important at the end of the semester as they seem at first." Clark blamed the attrition rate on poor student-teacher relations, the practice of giving "W's" to students who "screw off or don't attend class," and the failure of students to get a counselor's advice.

"Teachers who are cold and indifferent ... are alienating students."

—Joanne McKim

blame students." He continued, "It is not necessarily the lazy students who drop out. Many students are forced to drop due to a family illness, supporting a family or getting a job."

A statewide longitudinal study which was prepared by Julie Clark of the Institutional Research Office, compared "the effects of community college experience upon the lives of students" at SAC and at other colleges. It revealed that 21 percent of the students who drop do so due to "job conflict" and 9 percent because of "job preference over school."

Joanne McKim, SAC history instructor, feels that the training--or lack of it--that students get before they come here is in part responsible for student attrition. "I believe students are overwhelmed by the level of studying required in college. Junior high and high schools are not teaching basic study skills," she blamed.

McKim cited other causes. "Teachers who are cold and indifferent or who refuse to change teaching methods which have been used for years and are only interested in maintaining graduate school prep course requirements, are alienating students."

But students have other reasons for dropping classes. Industrial arts major Daniel Brimlow signed up for 27 units, but is now carrying 18. While trying to keep up with all those classes, he complained, "I had no time for spiritual things."

Allen Watkins, liberal arts major, is keeping all of the seven units he signed up for, but he says he may quit his English class because, "I haven't gotten all my assignments done and I'm afraid of a bad grade." He added, "The problems are time, that I'm busy and that I'm lazy."

Commercial art major Tom Schenden related, "Art teachers at SAC seem to have lost their initial passion for teaching the subject. Of course student interest is important, but teachers who constantly show up late to class certainly aren't helping solve the problem."

Political Science instructor Fred Mabbutt feels, "It is a mistake to

ing course that will make the student stretch and grow. I hope to improve reading, writing and speaking," she expressed. "I have started a study skills program to help students be where they should be educationally. The student may not be learning on the 14th grade level, but will be learning and growing."

"I also encourage the use of the free tutors, the Learning Center

"The high school system is a joke."

—Fred Mabbutt

and I use a lot of pre-testing to see where each individual needs the most help."

Reiterating student problems, McKim offered, "The students feel demoralized or cheated after spending all that time in high school and not knowing anything."

Mabbutt echoed that feeling, stating, "The high school system is a joke." Concerning withdrawals, he said, "Just because a student drops out doesn't necessarily label him/her stupid or lazy--perhaps just the opposite. A student recognizes the problems he/she is having in the class and drops out instead of receiving an 'F.'"

Reflecting on teachers' holding power, Mabbutt revealed, "A harsh discovery to teachers is that their sex appeal cannot hold students."

The political science instructor concluded, "The teacher with a high drop rate may have that record because of high standards. The teacher that begins with a full class and ends with a full class may be more popular. The choice of the teacher is to do well or be popular. Those who are excellent can be both."

(Contributing to the above story were el DON reporters Eddie Newell, Smith Pineo and Robin Wilkinson.)

News briefs

Clubs slate Yule functions

Numerous Yuletide activities are being planned by various organizations on campus. Many will focus around an Ice Cream Social next Wednesday, Dec. 19, from noon until 1 p.m. in the mall. The event is sponsored by ASSAC and the Student Activities office and will be staged in conjunction with fund-raising projects by many campus organizations.

Also scheduled for the last week of school before Christmas recess is ICC's sale and delivery of "Merry Minstrel Melodies" from Dec. 17 thru 20; Alpha Gamma Sigma's raffle of ski lift tickets to local resorts (thru Dec. 21) and its smoothies and candy cane sale on Dec. 19; Alpha Sigma Chi's Santa's Secret Stockings (thru Dec. 20) and mistletoe sales (Dec. 19); and the ASB's Christmas ham and tree raffle (Dec. 17-21).

SAC's Circle K Club will host a Christmas party for the Albert Sitton Children's Home on Thursday, Dec. 20, while both the Black Students' Union and MEChA-Club Amigos are sponsoring Toy Drives. MEChA also has slated a holiday bake sale and a pinata event for children on Dec. 19. Art students will be selling their handiwork at the annual SAC Pottery Guild Sales Dec. 19 thru 21 in the Art Gallery area.

Tonight the ASB is holding a Christmas Disco Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Student Lounge featuring DJ's Disco sounds and a light show. Admission is 50 cents with an ASB card and \$1 without.

Hillel, the Jewish Student Union, will stage a disco/rock party on Saturday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Ellen at 957-0384. Happy Hanukkah!

The International Student Club is inviting all interested SAC students to its Christmas Party today at 1 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge above the Don Bookstore. According to the club's advisor, Joan Brown, there will be music, refreshments and a presentation of how Christmas is celebrated in other lands.

Carolyn Verleur's Applied Music class will present a program of Christmas music today, Dec. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall.

The Applied Music class will also present a Beethoven's Birthday recital next Wednesday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the music department.

Speech team wins awards

The Forensics team won a number of awards at the Fall Championship Speech Tournament held at Cal Poly Pomona Dec. 8-9, finishing 5th over-all.

Receiving awards in extemporaneous were: Ron Ramaglino, 2nd place trophy, and certificates of excellence for Jim McQuaid, Matt McLaughlin, Jim Wallack, Lori Nation, all in novice and Frank Castro in Junior/Senior. Winners in novice impromptu were: Martin Spann placing 4th and receiving a certificate, McLaughlin, McQuaid, Chuck Mosely, Ron Waslohn and in J/S, Carol Blethen. In J/S persuasive McQuaid won a certificate as well as Kathy Tully in speech to entertain who placed 4th. Winners in interpretation were Arlene Rogers and Blethen, McLaughlin and Castyro in novice and J/S duo, respectively, and Blethen in novice oral.

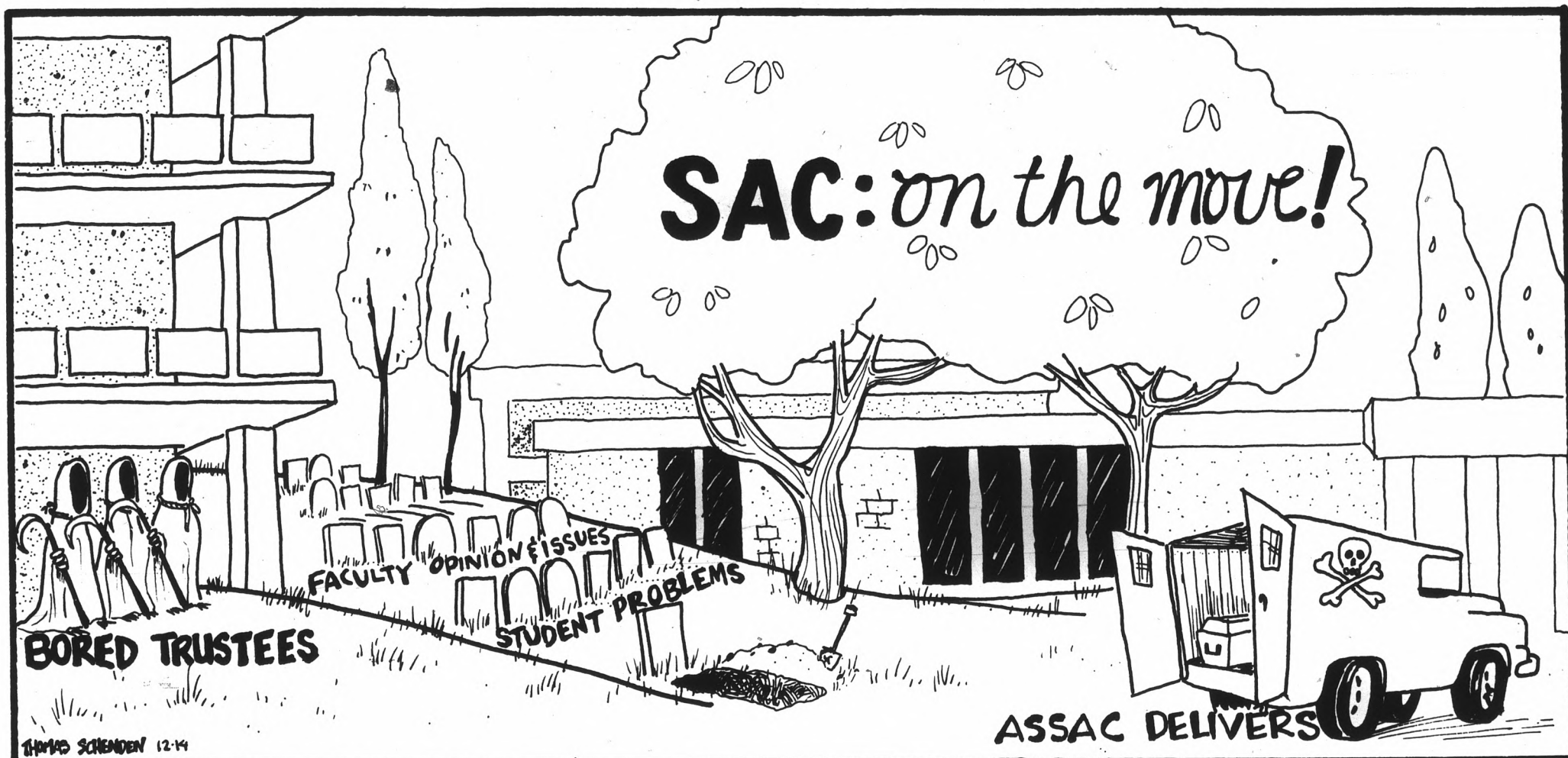
Accreditation meets tomorrow

An open meeting of SAC's Five-Year Accreditation Evaluation committee will be held tomorrow morning from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge. All interested students, teachers and administrators are invited.

ASB elections, BBQ set

Elections for ASB Senate seats for the spring semester will be held next Monday thru Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Monday and Tuesday evenings only). Only ASB card-holders are eligible to vote to fill the vacancies.

The ASB will also sponsor a BBQ and concert today from noon to 1 p.m. in the amphitheatre. The food is free with an ASB card and 25 cents without.



Commentary

Just what is being done to take care of current issues at SAC?

by Pete Maddox

Got an issue you want buried? Tell SAC's administration or the Board of Trustees. Or, if you want, you can tell the ASSAC government.

Now, why should I be so critical? Why should I make it sound as if no one cares enough to do anything around this campus? Because it's true!

Many people have gone to the administration with issues or to the Board of Trustees with their concerns. Some have gone to ASSAC with problems. What is done as a result? On the surface, it appears that things are being done. However, a close look provides a more realistic view of the way things are done around here.

At the last board meeting, Mr. Montejano commented that the union which represents classified employees at SAC had written a letter to the board stating their grievances. Their complaint had to do with the fact that their contract, which was approved at the Sept. 11 meeting of the Board, has not been implemented yet. Montejano's response? "I hope this issue remains at the staff level from now on and does not come back to the board level."

The Vietnamese met with the administrative staff to express their concerns a few weeks ago. SAC President Bill Wenrich stated that he felt 'they were seeking employment for Vietnamese.' How objective can you get?

Many statistics can be provided to support the college's position on the Vietnamese and "some major changes" will be initiated in the ESL program.

The new campus center is costing the college all of its remaining reserves to build. The problem of why there is a 40 percent increase in the cost of the building should be looked into. However, it was sluffed off by the board and the architect and then blamed on inflation.

The truth of the matter is, if the building had been started in June as planned, it would have cost \$3.2 million. It wasn't and it is now costing \$4.5 million. They (architect and the board) say that they were unaware that the bids would come in that high. If that is true, perhaps the board is not doing its JOB!

ASSAC was asked by AGS to fund a teacher evaluation booklet, yet turned it down. (Susan Starke, ASSAC

president, stated last spring that one of the things she would do as president would be such a book.) That book will not be done.

el DON asked ASSAC for the money to put out a school magazine. That request was turned down. When asked what the money would go for, Starke stated that the reserve funds of ASSAC (\$40,000) would be donated to help offset the increased cost of the student center. If that happens, the board will only have to dip into their reserves for an additional \$1,260,000 rather than \$1,300,000. Good move ASSAC!!!!

Perhaps you will feel I have a negative attitude toward these issues. And, if you do, I will be the first to tell you that you are right. I will also tell you that I have worked hard at keeping a positive attitude.

I do have some positiveness left. I am positive that if your concerns do not coincide with the concerns of the administration or the board or ASSAC, they will be buried.

So, get out there and get involved folks! There's plenty of room left on campus for your issue to be put to rest!

Feedback

Queen's dad blasts Cooper's letter

Dear Editor,

An open letter to the "ungentleman" who is really a sour grapes loser:

The "Feedback" letter in the Nov. 30 el DON is a typical example of the tasteless, uncouth, profane, and stupid rhetoric that seems to come from some in every generation. Fortunately, this kind of idiot is always in the minority. Also, fortunately for the same majority, freedom of speech allows us to see this kind of thinking for what it really is.

Homecoming is an event that students and alumni alike have cherished as part of their college tradition. No one has ever claimed that the homecoming queen is the most beautiful, talented, charming or popular.

The selection process is as democratic as electing a president of the United States. The candidates for the homecoming court campaign as vigorously as they can or will. As in any other democratic race, the one who can garner the most votes will win. If any one of the candidates appears as a "witless woman" or acts such that "shy people are browbeaten," I doubt if that woman would receive very many votes. The SAC student is at least as discriminating a voter as the average American, maybe more so.

The author of the above mentioned letter states that "whomever is chosen as Miss Obnoxious can be tarred, feathered and sent on a slow train to Sonora to slave in a tin mine for a month."

I suppose he thought that was a very profound statement. Maybe his real problem is that the candidate he was backing was not elected queen, which really only means that she did not get out enough of the vote to win. It does not mean that she is not the most beautiful, talented, charming or popular.

But to suggest that it is an event

where the "loudest, pushiest, most annoying woman on campus" will receive the most votes, is to say that SAC students are so meek that they can be so pushed. Who could really believe this?

Had the "ungentleman" complained that the whole concept of homecoming queen is a "sexist" function, unfair to the male student, he might have made more of

an issue reflecting his apparent deportment. I believe in the greatest democracy for all students, and equality across all lines. Therefore, I propose that Mr. Tom Cooper, himself, run for homecoming queen next year. I know where he can get a winning campaign manager and supporting team.

Robert J. Rieder
(Former SAC student and father of the 1979 Queen)

Living together article criticized

Dear Editor,

In reply to Smith Pineo's "pro" side to "Should couples live together before they unite in wedlock?" (el DON, Dec. 7), I agree that "marriage to justify sex is wrong," but even worse is "living together to justify sex."

At least married couples have some strong reasons for trying to make a go of it--divorce is neither easy, nor pleasant (nor inexpensive!)--whereas, those living together can just "split." So why make any effort to save a faltering relationship?

As a Christian, I agree with Robin Wilkinson's "Con" views, but there is now evidence for non-Christians to consider, for example, "Straight Talk About the Living-Together Arrangement," Readers' Digest (April, 1977). The major factor in a successful relationship of any kind is willingness and ability to communicate one's dissatisfaction, and willingness to work at correcting problems.

Now, in conclusion, let me put

Mr. Pineo's pro position to the ultimate test: let those who want to check out their compatibility prior to marriage do so without sex, with no more than an occasional platonic kiss.

Also, each might spend considerable time with the other's family to see how the "beloved" one

treats his/her family members. Also, each would do well to look carefully at the mother of the girl and the father of the boy, because of the old, and still true, adage, "like father, like son" and its corollary, "like mother, like daughter."

Neil Benner
(survivor of 28 years of marriage and co-molder of six great kids)

Vietnamese seek understanding

Dear Editor,

The presence of Vietnamese refugee students at Santa Ana College has recently drawn a great deal of attention, favorable as well as unfavorable, from the native American students.

We, the Vietnamese students, recognize that our cultural transition into the new life in America has been enormously facilitated by the help from local and federal governments, but we feel that there still is a lack of moral support from our fellow American students on this campus. On attending SAC we are determined to acquire an edu-

cation that will further our knowledge, thus giving us a chance to contribute to this society. We are doing our best at school to prove to our friends our strong will to achieve that ultimate goal, but their negative attitude has, in one way or the other, hindered such an effort.

A spirit of cooperation and understanding from American students will not only be greatly appreciated but will also make us feel proud of being part of this famous American melting pot.

Truong-Sinh Leduc

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Sex surgery changes woman to man

Gender re-assignment releases male trapped within a female anatomy

by Laura Mencum



BEFORE--This photo shows Judy Patton at the age of eight.

Though not many of us are willing to admit it, we sometimes wonder what it would be like to be the opposite sex. And occasionally there is someone who actually believes he (or, in this case, she) is living in the wrong body.

Such a person is Jude Patton, a transsexual, who as a guest speaker in John Velasquez' philosophy class last Monday, told the audience, "In spite of everything that was around me (dresses and dolls) I was telling everyone else that I felt like a little boy... not a little girl."

Patton, once a student at SAC, spent a majority of his life--from birth to age 32--as a female named Judy, but never accepted the physical differences of her body. "I was getting all the things physically that I didn't want," he explained. "During puberty, I kept to myself, aware that other people wouldn't understand. I hated the body changes."

During elementary school, Patton was required to follow the female dress code. "I saw myself as a freak," he noted. Though in appearance, Judy Patton looked like any other girl wearing a dress.

At the time when most females would become attracted to males, Patton found herself interested in other females, therefore she was labeled by society as a lesbian. "I accepted the label," he said, adding that, "The only thing that bothered me was the treatment I got because of the label."

Christine Jorgenson's famous sex re-assignment operation in the 1950s, gave Patton a fantasy which he never thought could be reality. "It's like being green and wanting to be purple," Patton

commented, attributing it to science-fiction. "... nothing you could actually do."

Before Patton was put on the operating table approximately seven years ago, she had to undergo psychiatric, social and psychological therapy at Stanford where the sex re-assignment took place. "I was certified sane after 10 minutes," he noted.

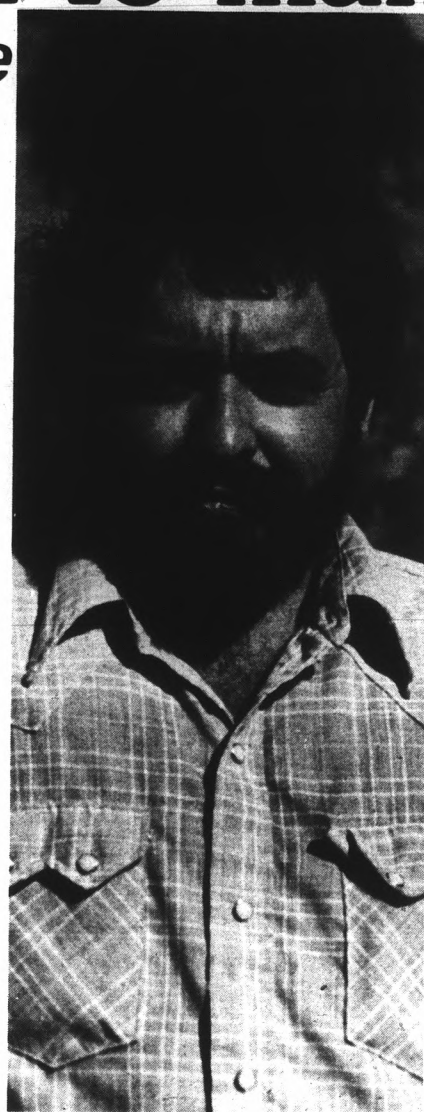
For a year, Patton had to cross-live as a male while taking male hormones. "Two weeks after taking male hormones, my voice changed," Patton said. "After six weeks, I was shaving everyday. Eventually the body hairs got darker and thicker, and muscle development changed."

Finally, the actual physical sex re-assignment began. Patton had four surgical operations each three months apart within a one-year period. After only the first surgery, Patton described the feeling, to say the least, as being "Euphoric... it's the most intensive of experiences."

"You don't feel pain," he said. "It's there, but it's irrelevant."

"My parents never knew that I was homosexual," he commented. "I tried to tell my mother." Though Patton's mother didn't really accept the fact that her daughter was a lesbian, she did accept the news of Patton's decision to change sexes. "My family supported me in the change," Patton commented. "But they all wished I could have done it sooner."

Patton is aware that not all of society has approved of the body changes he has made. "I'm the same person," he said. "I've just moved some bumps."



AFTER--Seven years ago, sex re-assignment was given to Jude Patton.

Choirs sing tonight new talent invited

by Robin Wilkinson

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant... "All the Christmas carols you ever wanted to hear at one time," said conductor Larry Ball of "A Holiday Festival Concert." The performance tonight at 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall will feature Rancho Santiago's Master Chorale singing "The Many Moods of Christmas"--a composition of famous and traditional yuletide songs arranged by Robert Shaw and Robert Russel Bennett.

The composition which the choir director calls "a brilliant Christmas package," is broken into four suites and includes such old favorites as "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly." Others which are not as familiar by name include "Patapan," "Fum Fum Fum," "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" and "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light."

"It is the most appealing arrangement of carols that I know of," said Ball enthusiastically. He believes that everyone present will enjoy the music. While the choir will have "fun" singing it, he explained, the audience will be immersed in familiar music--songs they will remember from their own childhoods. But the arrangement is fresh, he said. "The full symphony orchestra will be challenged by the genius of Robert Bennett."

In another section of the show, the Concert Chorale will feature student soloists Lanette Halle, Merrilou Wall, Jodi Smith and Richard West. Their collection of traditional and contemporary songs will consist of the following: "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers," (a Renaissance motet), "Christ is Born" (a new Christmas-spiritual), "This Endris Night" and "His Star Shines Bright." The piano accompanist will be Gene Robinson.

The Carousels, SAC's pops chorus, will sing secular Christmas songs: "Button Up Your Overcoat," "Christmas is the Warmest Time of Year" and "Simple Holiday Joys" (arranged by Pooler).

Tickets are available at Phillips Hall between 2 and 5 p.m., or they can be ordered by calling 835-5971. Admission is \$2.

Ball is also seeking to "round students up" for next semester and "put them in the chorale." The Rancho Santiago Master Choral meets and practices Tuesday evenings, singing traditional songs by old masters.

The Concert Chorale meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. and performs both traditional and contemporary choral music before service clubs, churches and other organizations in the community. Wednesday it sang for the chamber of commerce at the Saddleback Inn.

For those who prefer singing non-religious songs, Ball recommends vocal jazz (Tues. & Thurs., 11 a.m.) or the Carousels (Tues. evenings, combined with the Master Chorale).

Interested singers are invited to audition for any of the three choirs by contacting the music department, building N next to Phillips Hall.



by Kathy Tully

Have you ever eaten something in a restaurant that tasted so scrumptious that you wanted to go home and cook a huge batch of it but couldn't because you didn't know the recipe?

While this may be a problem most of us have encountered, it has never been of any difficulty to SAC instructor "Big John" Johnston.

"Most things I pick up myself," informed Johnston. "I have the lucky ability to be able to eat something and almost duplicate it."

The chef has written his first cookbook entitled **Big John's Recipes From Around The World**, which is available in the bookstore.

Johnston started cooking when he was a kid and continued throughout his 21 years in the service. He cooked and sampled some of the finest foods in places such as Korea, Vietnam, Berlin, Belgium and throughout the U.S.

While stationed in Berlin, the chef was food advisor and had control over 17 dining facilities. He was the executive chef and general manager of the Supreme Allied Commanders, a private dining facility in Europe. Johnston held the same job at the dining facility in Vietnam where he served Gen. Creighton W. Abrams.

The talented chef went through cooking classes here at SAC and then five years ago was asked to teach through continuing education. He is presently instructing gourmet and international gourmet cooking and will be teaching cultural and ethnic foods as well next semester. "Big John" has been teaching classes such as gourmet and creative cooking, international foods and foods for entertainment at Saddleback for four years.

New cookbook

Creating food is an art to cooking instructor Johnston

Since Johnston's classes are so large (usually 25-50 students) it is almost impossible to allow the students to cook, so most classes are demonstrative.

"I think they learn as much or more this way," explained the chef. "They don't pick up each other's habits. They pick up mine which are better because they have been perfected."

"Big John" says he has always enjoyed cooking and that it is actually an art form.

"There is only one problem," stated Johnston. "There is no finished product left. Sometimes it really blows your mind. A lot of time and effort is involved in the preparation and in 30 minutes it is destroyed. An artist makes something and it lasts forever. At buffets a lot of food is decorated only to get wiped out!"

Although the crafty cook dines out two or three days a week, he is reluctant to recommend any restaurants.

"Peoples' tastes differ," he reasons "and restaurants are susceptible to bad nights."

However, Johnston did suggest the cafe across the street. "People who want the best food for the right price can go to Molly's. They serve just good food, nothing fancy."

"Big John" has a tip for shoppers. "People should have one store to shop at. Don't go running around town to hunt for specials. They are just 'come-ons' to get people in the store. Don't go to the store hungry and try to go alone. That will cut down quite a bit on the food bill."

The robust Johnston says that he doesn't get into the health food scene. "I leave that to the nutritionists. After students take my class, they can go into weightwatchers!"

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Injured wrestlers lose to OCC; coach absorbs first shutout, 45-0

by James Radcliffe

Nolan Ryan, Sandy Koufax and Juan Marichal would have been proud.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, Orange Coast College hurled a shutout against Santa Ana, 45-0, at Cook Gym.

The 9 Dons in the starting lineup walked up to the center of the mat with ambitions of victory, but were fanned by the Pirate's flamethrowers.

It was a rare feat indeed, as SAC's coach for the past 15 years, Frank Addleman, absorbed his first whitewash.

But the mentor remained optimistic. "It doesn't both me. I'd rather not have it happen. But it's bound to once in awhile."

Even though the uneven score shows up in the box-score as is, it doesn't tell the entire story. Addleman replied, "A lot of them (matches) were close." He continued, "John White (7-11) had a good match. (Dave) Talley had a close match."

Baseball franchises often speak of their bench strength. Well, because of injuries, SAC has been forced to rely on their back-up men in a league which won't forgive inexperience.

"Usually in the past we've had bigger groups (added depth). But it (injuries) hurts any time," the coach responded. The recent plague has resulted in a shuffle of SAC's starters to fill the weight divisions. But Santa Ana finally appears to be on a path to restored health.

Last Saturday the Dons competed in the Fullerton Tournament and "did terribly" remembered Addleman.

SAC travels to L.A. Pierce today to do battle in another tourney. "We're hoping to do better there," said the coach. "Some of the top teams won't be there."

Santa Ana will try to pin a loss on Golden West on Wednesday, Dec. 19 on the opposition's mat. "If we stay healthy, we'll give them a good show," said Addleman.

Addleman and his assistant, Dave Alexander, hope that their athletes get physically well over Christmas vacation and return intact. "We haven't had our top nine in the lineup at the same time," sorrowfully recalled Addleman.

The coach remarked positively, "We always look better at the end (of the season), even when we won state (1974). After Christmas we usually pick up."

"We have four of five, if they work hard, who will make it to state," Addleman said.

Today's Probable Starters

	High School	Class	Weight
Dave Watts	Garden Grove	fresh.	118
Feargus McTeggart	Sunny Hills	fresh.	126
Joe Thayer	El Toro	fresh.	134
Dave Williams	Yucca Valley	fresh.	142
Joe Casas	Santa Ana	fresh.	150
Pat Nieblas	El Toro	fresh.	158
John White	Mission Viejo	soph.	167
Dave Talley	Tustin	fresh.	177
Tom Lamere	Santa Ana Valley	fresh.	H.W.



by Eddie Newell

Recently when SAC's el DON asked where to meet people of the opposite sex, no one mentioned Mammoth or Lake Tahoe or Park City.

This could only mean those students were not involved in SAC's Ski Club.

The Don skiers jumped on buses to Mammoth and Salt Lake City over Thanksgiving vacation. A great time was had by all even though snow conditions are still average.

The ski trips that are organized are not just for SAC Ski Club members. Others that are interested can attend meetings, (held on Fridays, 12 p.m., R-114), to get information concerning cost, transportation, deposits, etc.

SAC skiers plan trips

Busy schedule includes Tahoe



This year's club president is Charles Huddleston, who has helped get skiers more active in the school. Huddleston said, "The club has been involved in every ASSAC activity so far this year."

He also mentioned that the Ski Club sponsored a homecoming candidate for the first time.

It only costs \$2 to join SAC's Ski Club, but students who are not members can go along anyway.

Huddleston also mentioned that "Ski Club members can use their club card to receive 15 percent off on merchandise at the Ski Mart in Santa Ana."

The next of three planned trips for spring semester will be to Lake Tahoe from Jan. 28 thru Feb. 2. Cost is \$165 and

includes five day's lodging, five breakfasts, five dinners and five lift tickets.

Mike Glinskas, a member who went to Alta, Snowbird and Park City over last Thanksgiving spoke about the other college students on the slopes. "I met people from USC, UCLA, Riverside City College and other colleges." There is a mixture of beginning, intermediate and advanced skiers going on the trips.

A \$50 deposit for the Lake Tahoe trip can be submitted to Huddleston at any Ski Club meeting. The deadline for the first payment is Jan. 1.

Man behind the cage

Equipment manager exits; but fond memories stay

by Mark V. ...

TV's Mr. ... who's not ... out "Mr. Hilt's ... all together.

Mr. Hilt, as he is commonly called, is the man behind the bar in the ... His real name is Hilt Henninger, and he is the equipment manager for the Dons.

Last October was the 30-year mark for Henninger's career as an equipment manager. The last 11 of those were put in at SAC, and June 30, 1980 marks his retirement date from the business of sorting socks and other sundry sportswear.

Thirty years is a long time to do one thing, but Henninger claims it has had a therapeutic effect on him. "I feel working with young people keeps you young. Young people tend to become very lax and if you don't stay on top of them, they will never turn in their gear. That keeps you on your toes and that keeps you young."

Besides prolonging life, Hilt remembers other events which make his job priceless. "When I was at Laguna Beach High one year they dedicated a yearbook to me. That makes it all worth it. At the football banquet, the team gave me an autographed game ball. No amount of money could buy that," stated Henninger.

At age 16 he took a job in the eastern part of Pennsylvania as a coal breaker. "I started at \$3.05 a day and it was during the depression so sometimes

It was a hard life, but he

came to ...

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In those days his father couldn't get an education, but he taught his three daughters and two sons a very important lesson of life. "My parents taught us a lot of compassing," remembered Henninger.

Hilt worked in the mines until 1947 when at age 35 he came to California and Laguna Beach High. "I was working in the cafeteria and after two weeks, Red Guyer came in and asked me if I wanted to issue equipment," stated Henninger.

That made Hilt rather

portable because he was

athletic type, I said to

be honest with you I

now the difference between a shoulderpad and

admitted ...

spent nine years at ...

each High. The rest of ...

High and SAC. ...

that time, his

knowledge of athletic

equipment grew as did his

cognizance of sports.

...

here until George Curtis was

hired as the full-time trainer,

said Henninger.

Hilt is a high school dropout

and regrets it. "I am extremely

fortunate to work in a job I

enjoy. But I still have a lot of

memories because of dropping

out," expounded Henninger.

Hilt admits that if he had to

do all over again he would do it

the same way. "I had several

opportunities to go into private

business and I think back I

would choose the same occupa-

tion if I could do it again,"

reflected Henninger.

When a freshman athlete

meets Hilt for the first time, he

appears to be a very gruff and

unconcerned man. But one

takes time to get to know

Henninger, it is a different

story. "I guess that just

happens. I don't mean to but if

you're not like that, you lose a

lot of gear. Actually that's just

make-up, underneath I'm a

pussycat," revealed Hilt.

Sports short

Cross-country banquet

Tis' the season of award banquets. Santa Ana's cross-country team held to the school's tradition of honoring the athletes after the competition had died.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, coach Al Siddons presented the squad's top awards.

Sophomore Steve Kovatch captured the Most Valuable Player trophy. Kovatch led the Dons to a 3-3 mark in league action.

Dave Ruble, who in his first campaign out of Canyon High School was a top runner at SAC, was named Most Valuable Freshman.

Ruble remarked of the gala, "It was pretty fun. It was really well organized."

Most Inspirational was awarded to John Timmermans. Foothill graduate Brad Way received the title of Team Captain.

Besides the recipients, Larry Hand, Mike McMurray, Rich Garrett, Steve Leong and Derik Urbanczyck were given the distinction of being Don lettermen.

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TWO -- (l to r) Willie Hicks does a shovel-shot to give SAC's current squad an additional two points against Santa Ana's



alumni team. SAC's Warren Ellis (#22) prepares for a possible rebound. The Dons of '79-80' defeated the Dons of



the past, 113-105. The game was contested last Saturday in Cook Gym. (photos by Richard Mona)

Santa Ana cashes fun in for wins

Todd watches freshmen Castleman, Hairston adjust

by John Soderman

According to the Rolland Todd theory of inversely proportional basketballisms, practice and fun are relative to one another.

His theory states the following: fun practices are to hard games as hard practices are to fun games (victory of course being the constant variable).

"The practice sessions have to be difficult so that the games are fun," Todd stressed. "You practice hard to win and winning is really the only enjoyable part. If you're not trying to win, there's no sense in practicing."

Coach Todd may have the key to successful basketball down to an equation, but some of the freshmen on this year's team aren't too sure they concur with Todd's logic.

"(Kevin) Castleman and some of the other new players are going through an adjustment that every freshman makes," Todd explained. "There is probably more of an emphasis on winning than on the high school level, but as you go higher the players get more experienced and the competition gets

tougher. That's why the sophomores are so important to our team.

"Castleman and (Ricardo) Hairston (who are both from Ohio) are also going through a cultural adaptation," Todd continued. "Here it is 90 degrees in December and we're asking them to do some pretty demanding things physically as well as academically that they're not used to doing at this time of the year especially considering the climate."

"The Modesto Tournament will be a good chance to get our point across as opposed to just telling them. The players will have a chance to see what they look like in comparison to the 16 other teams," the coach concluded.

The Dons traveled to Modesto yesterday to begin a tournament that "is one of the toughest" according to Todd. Play will continue thru Saturday.

The team's next home game will be next Tuesday against perennially tough Saddleback in Cook gym at 7:30 p.m. The Gauchos are led by the widely acclaimed Kevin Magee.

Last Saturday the Dons beat the Alumni, 113-105, in the

annual contest that turned out to be the usual run, and gun, high-scoring showcase. Castleman, the Dons' top scorer this season, led SAC with 32 points followed by Norman Adams and Warren Ellis with 16 points apiece and Willie Hicks who scored 15 points.

Greg Green from the '74-'75 squad starred for the alumni with 30 points. Other alumni present included Jim Huckstein ('69-'70), Barry Elliott ('74-'75) and Carlos Richardson from last year's squad.

The roundballers are now 5-2 on the year and have yet to play any teams in the South Coast Conference even though a Dec. 4 Sports Information Directors' poll favors SAC to win the conference coupled with a No. 10 ranking in the state. Hopefully such a prediction will materialize and Coach Todd will have his third conference championship in five years as head coach.

"All in all I guess we're making decent progress," smiled Todd.

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